

But while I say this, while I say that conservation will be of substantial benefit to our energy situation, I must also say that we have got to continue to look for, explore for natural resources, that we have got to continue to allow transmission lines, that we are going to have to have some refineries in this country.

We cannot typically say that everything that is being built is a disaster, that everything being built means the end of our life as we know it, that everything being built is going to be a complete and ultimate decimation to our environment. There are a lot of reasonable proposals out there that can be made to work.

Now, no project, no project should be approved without mitigation, in fact even higher than mitigation, and that is supplementation to the environment. On the other hand, when the environmental impacts have been mitigated, when the environment has been enhanced in some cases or may be enhanced to a degree in all cases, when we meet that standard, do not continue to say no. Do not continue to say it cannot happen in my backyard.

When those standards are met, we as a Nation have a responsibility to the next generation. We have to have enough foresight for future generations to say yes to reasonable projects, yes to reasonable conservation. We have also got to have enough guts, frankly, to stand up here. We have tax credits that are not working, not only in Washington, but Washington is unique. There have been hundreds of millions of dollars wasted in tax credits for so-called alternative energy.

Well, what are the results. Do not let people divert us from looking at the bottom line. Are we getting the results that we want simply because of what they call their project: "My project is the solar project, so do not dare ask me any questions about what is the bottom result." Are we really coming out with a product that is efficient for our environment? Are we really conserving energy for the hundreds of millions of dollars we are spending?

It was amazing to me how many people criticize the President in his budget when he says this program has not produced. This program sounds good. It has got a great name, especially in an energy crisis. It has got lots of special interest groups in Washington who benefit from those tax credits, pushing, how dare you say no to this alternative or that alternative.

But the reality of it is, one, we have to conserve; two, we have to explore and find new resources for our energy; and, three, the money that we are currently spending, the taxpayer dollars, my colleagues' dollars, their constituents' dollars, we have to justify, we have got to treat those dollars as if they were our own.

We have an incumbent responsibility, an inherent responsibility to manage those dollars. No matter how nice sounding or how progressively sound-

ing a program is, if it is not giving us results, we have got to have enough guts to stand up and cut it off.

In summary, Madam Speaker, I think this energy crisis is limited. Over the long-term, obviously we have issues. We cannot continue to grow in dependency on foreign oil. But California is unique. California is more the exception than the rule. California, a large part, brought this on itself. But California is a large part of the United States. We all want to help California despite the criticisms we have; and some of the whipping that California gets they have got coming. But a lot of it, they do not. Californians I think are exercising responsibility by practicing conservation.

But the reality is this, reasonable people can come together and have reasonable solutions that, one, protect our environment; two, conserve for future generations; three, lower dependency on foreign oil; and, four, do not have a negative impact on the life-style to which we have all become accustomed. If we can meet those four, five standards, we have done pretty well. I think reasonable people can do that.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 3:00 p.m. on account of attending a funeral in Connecticut.

Mr. FOSSELLA (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of attending the graduation of his son.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BONIOR, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. POMEROY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BERRY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WEINER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SOLIS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SANDERS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ANDREWS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. KUCINICH, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. BERKLEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. CARSON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. REHBERG) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today and June 14.

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGLISH, for 5 minutes, June 14.

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

OMISSION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2001

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 487. An act to amend chapter 1 of title 17, United States Code, relating to the exemption of certain performances or displays for educational uses from copyright infringement provisions, to provide that the making of copies or phonorecords of such performances or displays is not an infringement under certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1914. An act to extend for 4 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MCINNIS. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, June 14, 2001, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2458. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Noxious Weeds; Permits and Interstate Movement [Docket No. 98-091-2] received June 11, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2459. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Commander of Air